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Docket Management System
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW., Room Plaza 401
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Docket No. FAA-2002-13378 -11
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
02 OCT - 8 AM 11:24

Dear Sir or Madam;

THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC) a California nonprofit, public benefit, tax-exempt [§501(c)(4)] corporation was founded in 1991 to seek positive, humane solutions to animal public policy issues through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistic, economics and law, and at the same time preserve humane benefit from all species, breeds and registries.

We have just learned of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on "Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals" published September 27, 2002 (4 pages) in the Federal Register but have grave concerns that the short 30-day comment period is not enough time for analysis and comment by all those who would be impacted by these rules.

Accordingly, we ask that your Department grant a 60-day extension to this comment period for a total of 90 days.

Very truly yours,

THE ANIMAL COUNCIL

By: Sharon A. Coleman
SHARON A. COLEMAN, President